

The following message was received from his Excellency, the Governor:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
AUSTIN, March 24, 1883.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN—On examining Senate bill No. 218, entitled "An act to amend articles 1007 and 1008 of the Revised Statutes," it seems to me that there must be some mistake or oversight in drafting the bill, or in its enrollment. As it now reads, it requires the Supreme and Appellate Courts to transfer all cases pending in the Austin branch of said courts, at its adjournment in June, to Galveston. It was doubtless the intention of the framer of the bill that the cases pending at Austin from the counties named in the first section, and undecided at the adjournment in June, should be transferred to Galveston. Yet, the language of the bill covers the entire Austin docket, and I have deemed it best to withhold my assent to the bill, and return it for reconsideration.

Respectfully,

JOHN IRELAND, Governor.